Photo History

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BALLS BROS
KING MENS WEAR
MAN'S SHOP
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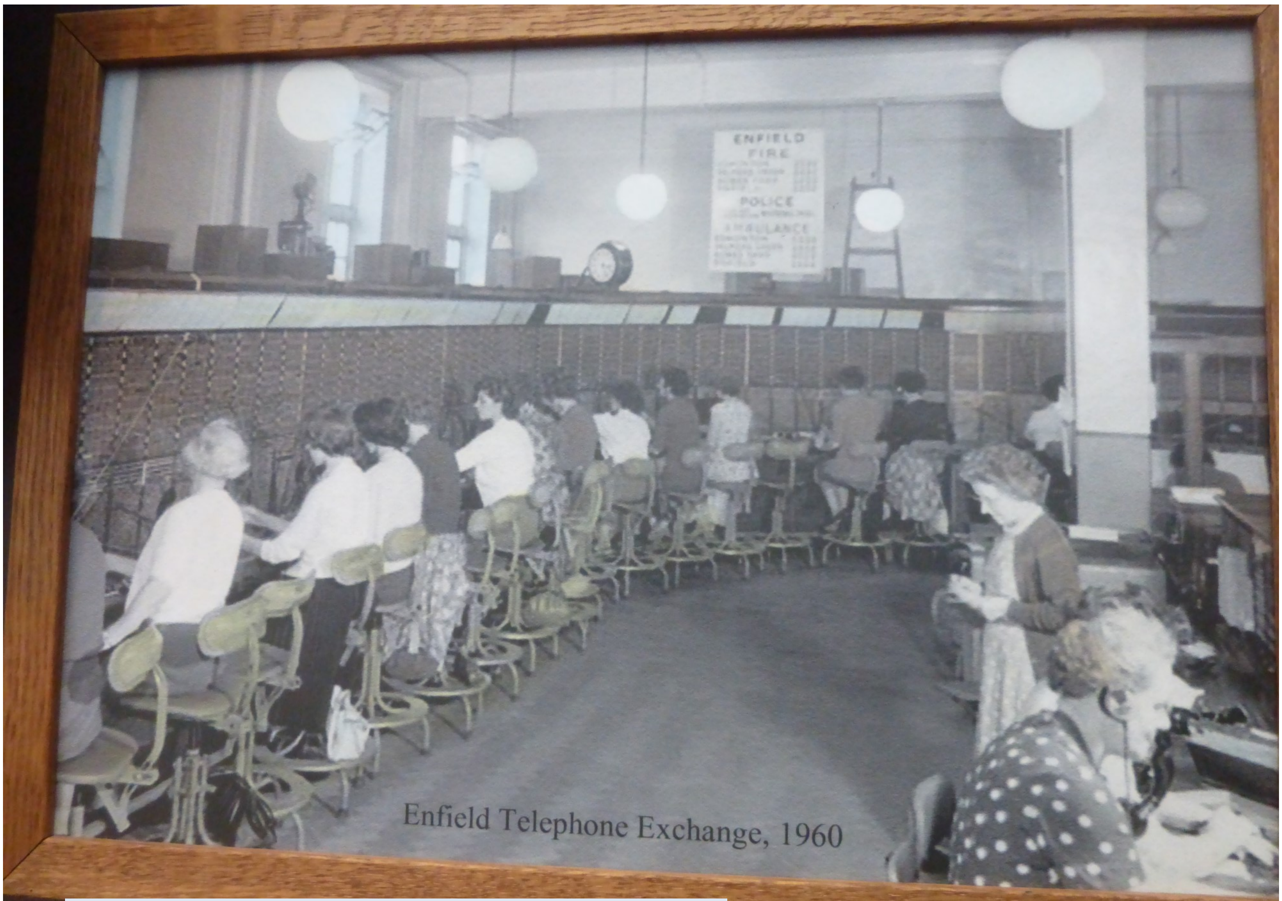
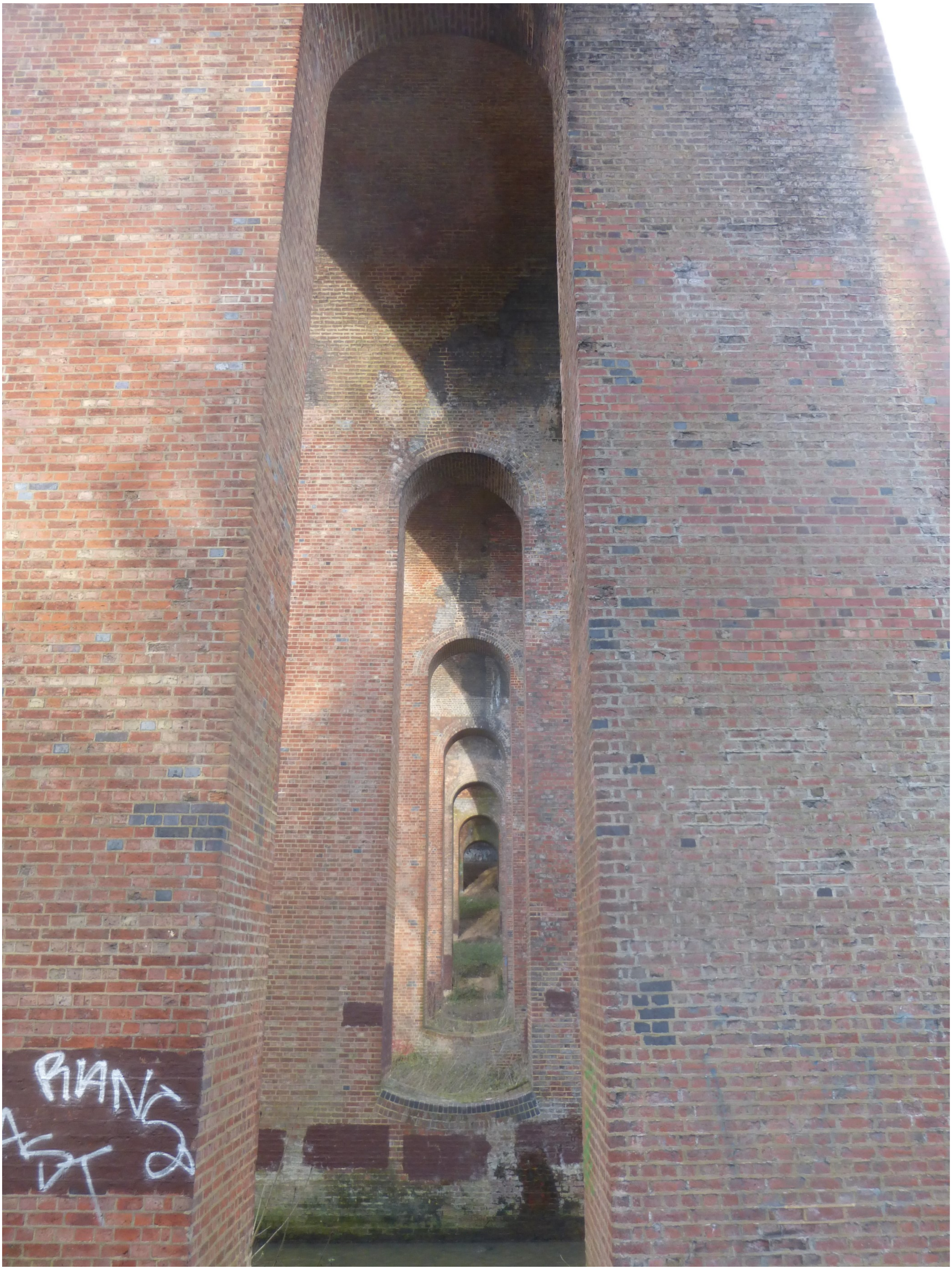


Enfield Telephone Exchange, 1960

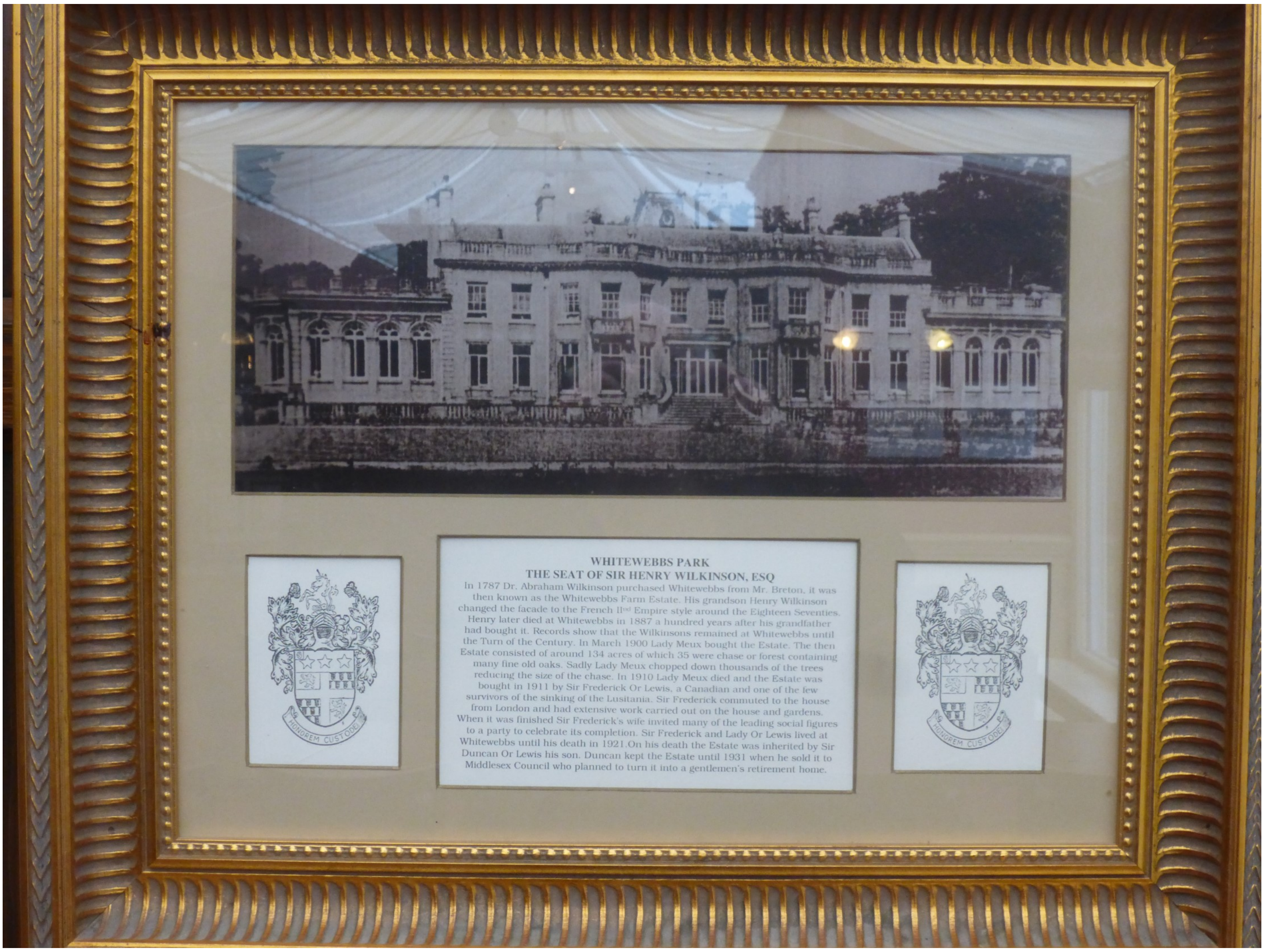
Some of these old Enfield photos that I spotted are like a different world (see cover as well) . It’s hard to believe they were all in our lifetime and the pool was great

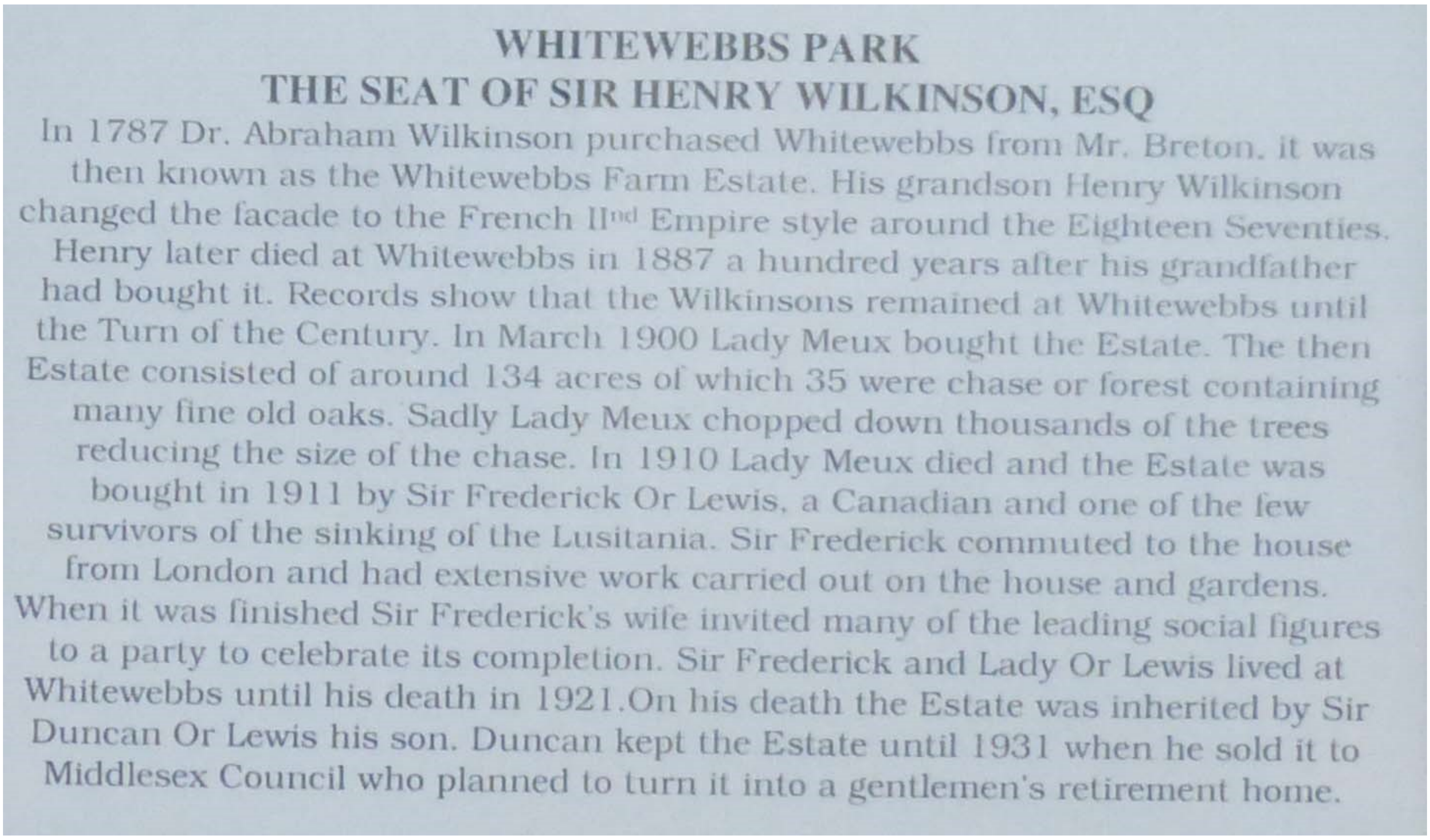
Enfield Swimming Pool, 1956

This interesting viaduct carrying the tube line is at Finchley



….and we now enjoy the carvery here at The Toby Inn





WHITEWEBBS PARK
THE SEAT OF SIR HENRY WILKINSON, ESQ

In 1787 Dr. Abraham Wilkinson purchased Whitewebbs from Mr. Breton, it was then known as the Whitewebbs Farm Estate. His grandson Henry Wilkinson changed the facade to the French IInd Empire style around the Eighteen Seventies. Henry later died at Whitewebbs in 1887 a hundred years after his grandfather had bought it. Records show that the Wilkinsons remained at Whitewebbs until the Turn of the Century. In March 1900 Lady Meux bought the Estate. The then Estate consisted of around 134 acres of which 35 were chase or forest containing many fine old oaks. Sadly Lady Meux chopped down thousands of the trees reducing the size of the chase. In 1910 Lady Meux died and the Estate was bought in 1911 by Sir Frederick Or Lewis, a Canadian and one of the few survivors of the sinking of the Lusitania. Sir Frederick commuted to the house from London and had extensive work carried out on the house and gardens. When it was finished Sir Frederick's wife invited many of the leading social figures to a party to celebrate its completion. Sir Frederick and Lady Or Lewis lived at Whitewebbs until his death in 1921.On his death the Estate was inherited by Sir Duncan Or Lewis his son. Duncan kept the Estate until 1931 when he sold it to Middlesex Council who planned to turn it into a gentlemen's retirement home.

Walking locally for a change

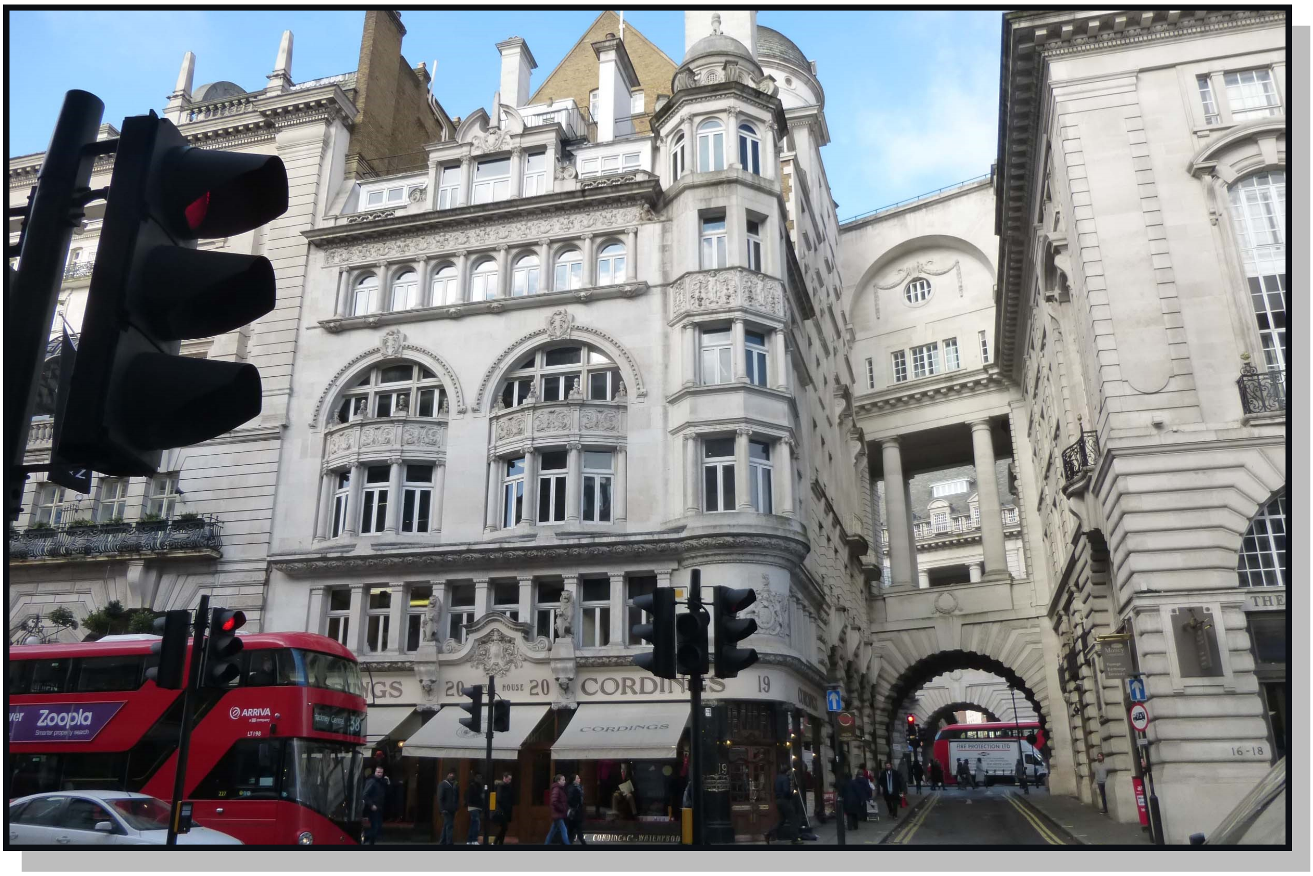
January 2015

Larnie and Zara ('The Bookends')

enjoying the birthday tea at The Ritz

Robbie’s 70th birthday at home...with a ‘small’ piano recital

Sometimes we miss the beauty of London architecture by not looking up..this is Swallow Street off Piccadilly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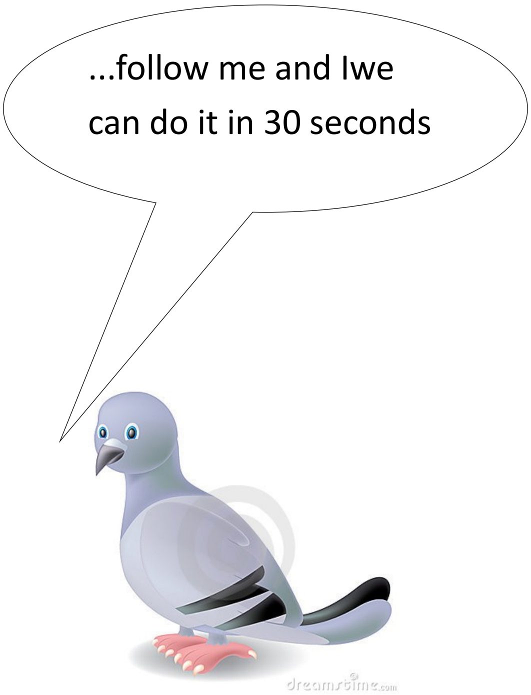
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Lynn's 70th birthday breakfast table — corny but our family tradition must not be broken

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Birthday

LYNN'S DOMAIN

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To The Duchess
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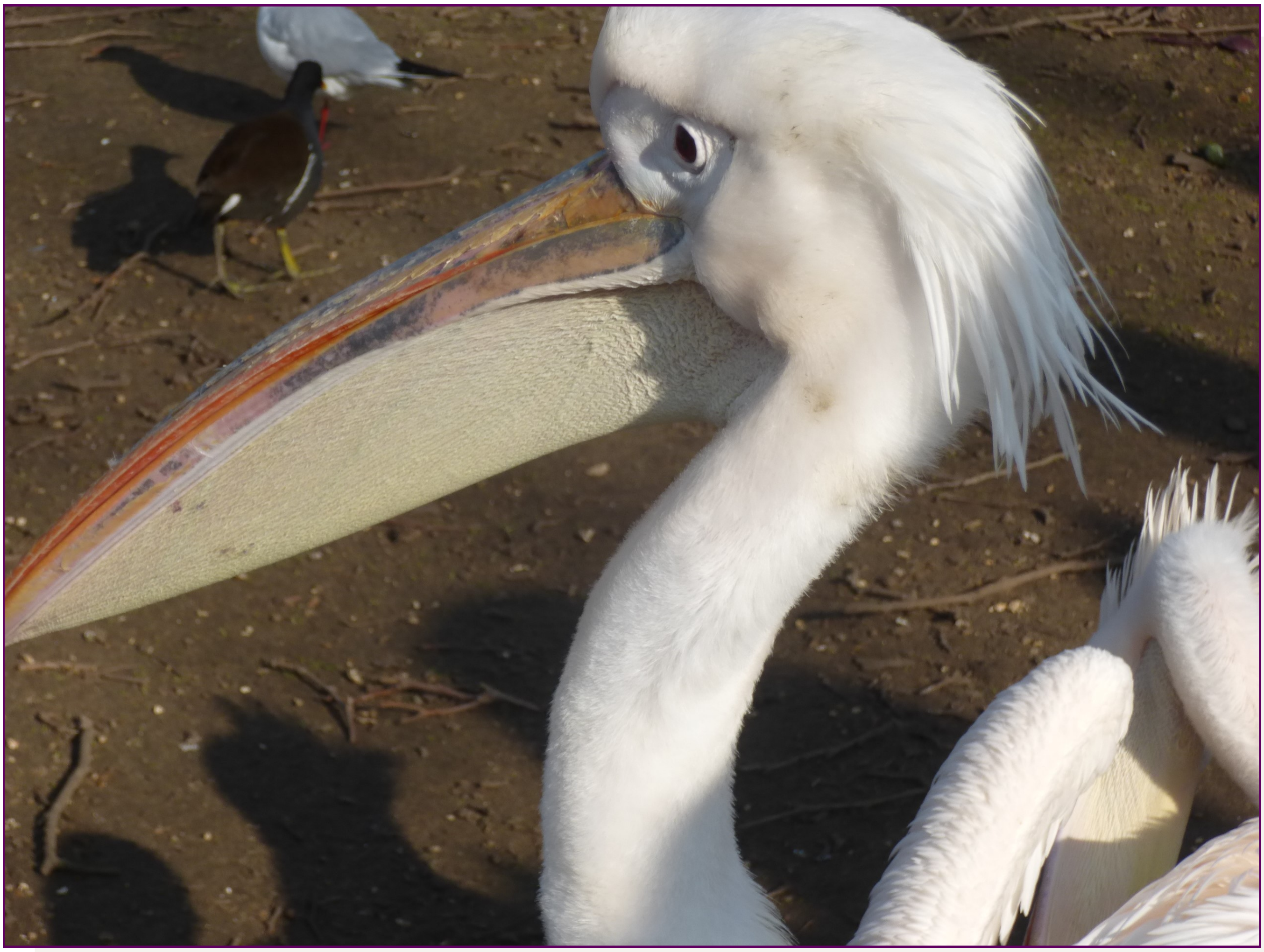
From The
Nuts

SUPER MUM
70
Years Young!



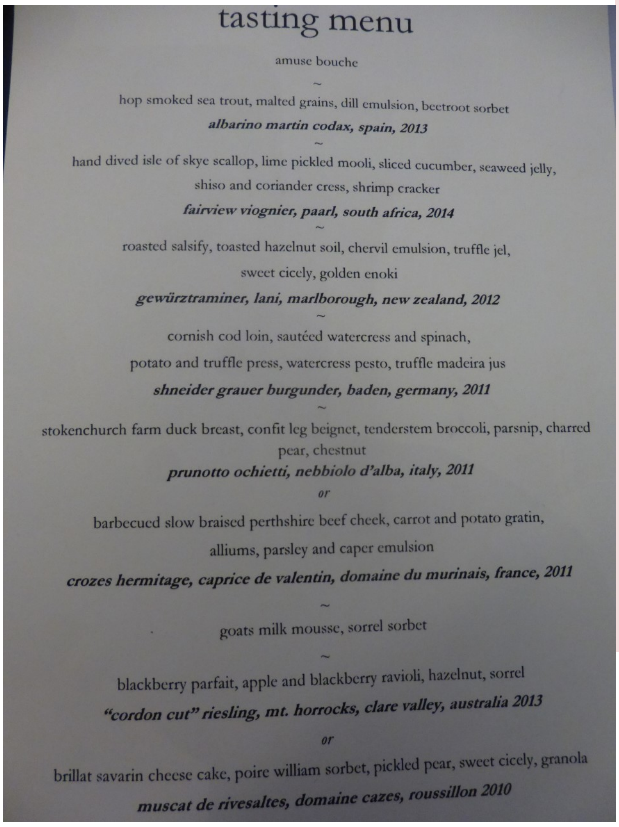
Pelican in St James's Park

The Artichoke in Old Amersham is one of our favourite places and we celebrated Lynn’s 70th there with their rally great tasting menu…

‘I advise visiting before you can’t get a table at all. If necessary, move into the neighbourhood’

The Independent, February 2010

The Artichoke opened in August 2002, offering an inspired alternative to dining within the old town of Amersham. The modern European cuisine has developed over the years with an emphasis on the organic, free range, and the array of berries, herbs and fungi that can be foraged from our hedgerows



tasting menu

amuse bouche

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hop smoked sea trout, malted grains, dill emulsion, beetroot sorbet

albarino martin codax, spain, 2013

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hand dived isle of skye scallop, lime pickled mooli, sliced cucumber, seaweed jelly, shiso and coriander cress, shrimp cracker

fairview viognier, paarl, south africa, 2014

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roasted salsify, toasted hazelnut soil, chervil emulsion, truffle jel, sweet cicely, golden enoki

gewürztraminer, lani, marlborough, new zealand, 2012

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cornish cod loin, sautéed watercress and spinach, potato and truffle press, watercress pesto, truffle madeira jus

shneider grauer burgunder, baden, germany, 2011

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stokenchurch farm duck breast, confit leg beignet, tenderstem broccoli, parsnip, charred pear, chestnut

prunotto ochietti, nebbiolo d’alba, italy, 2011

or

barbecued slow braised perthshire beef cheek, carrot and potato gratin, alliums, parsley and caper emulsion

crozes hermitage, caprice de valentin, domaine du murinais, france, 2011

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goats milk mousse, sorrel sorbet

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blackberry parfait, apple and blackberry ravioli, hazelnut, sorrel

“cordon cut” riesling, mt. horrocks, clare valley, australia 2013

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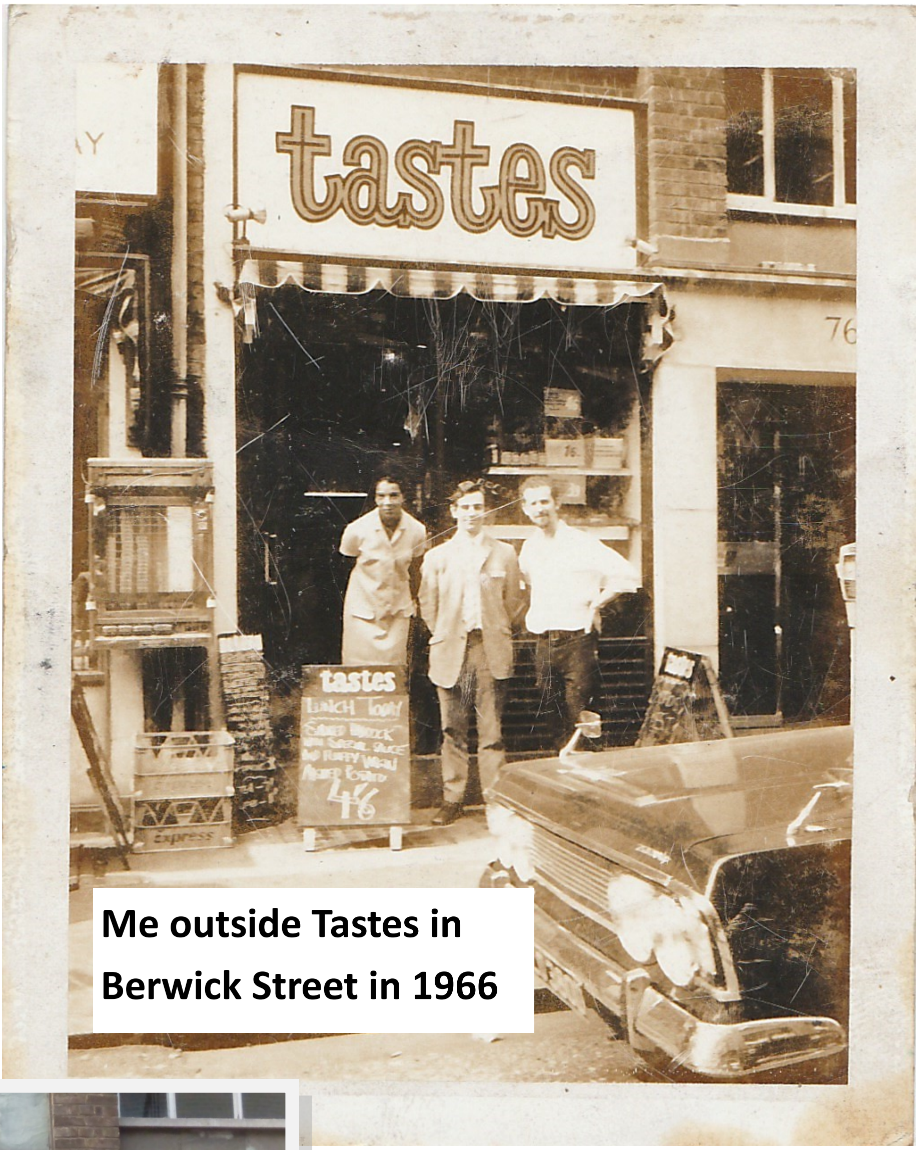
brillat savarin cheese cake, poire william sorbet, pickled pear, sweet cicely, granola

muscat de rivesaltes, domaine cazes, roussillon 2010

artichoke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Me outside Tastes in Berwick Street in 1966

...and as it is now (2015) in a rapidly gentrifying Soho

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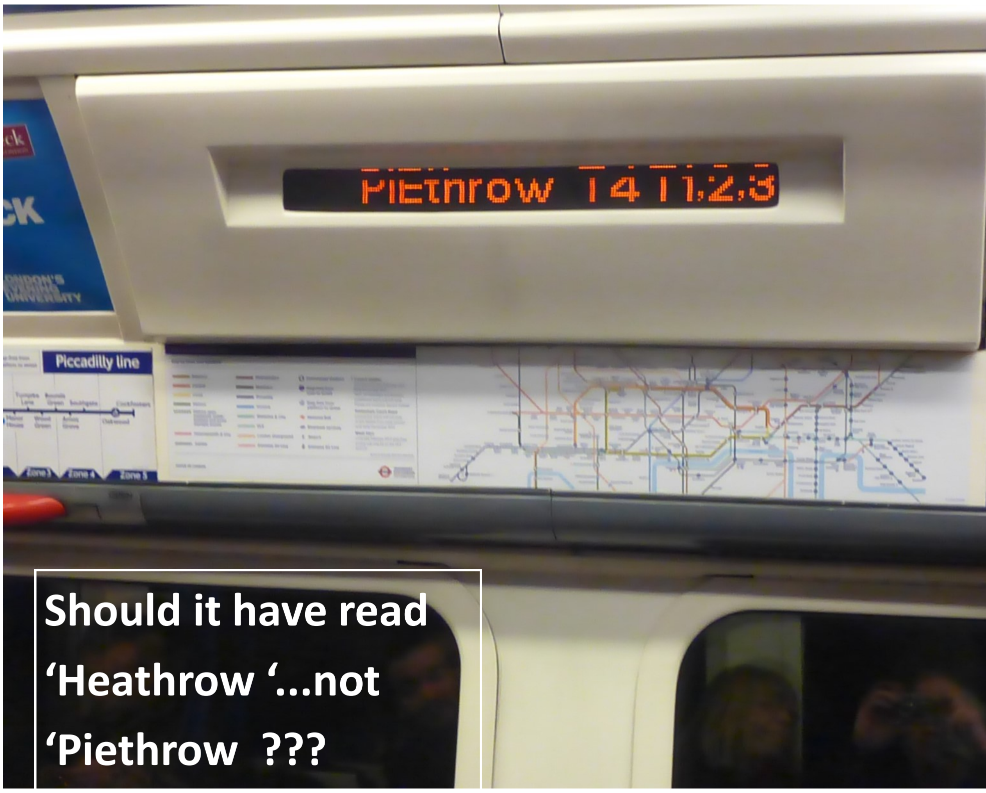
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Piccadilly line

Should it have read ‘Heathrow ‘...not ‘Piethrow ???

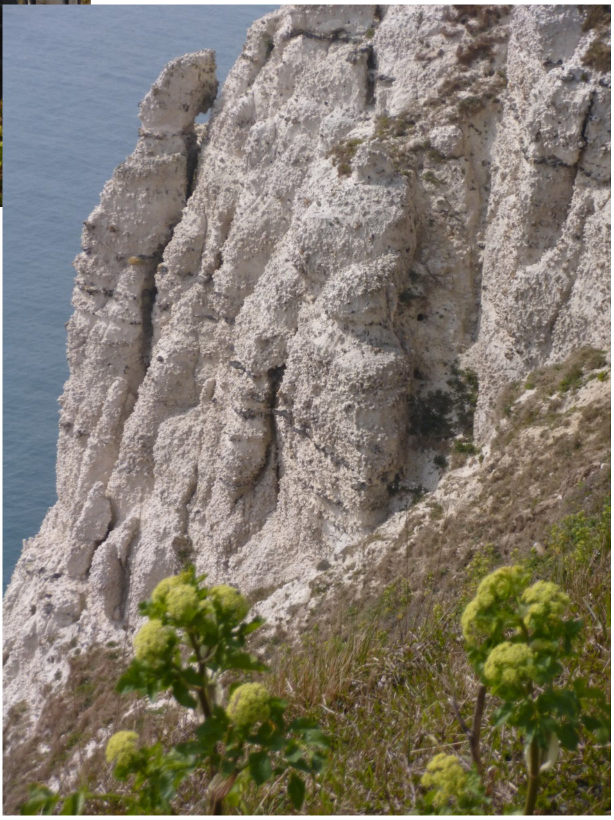
Planting the fruit trees on my allotment..the ‘cages’ are to follow later

April 2015 Lynny treated me to a meal at River Cottage in Devon. It is where the well known cookery programme is filmed.. We met Viget (Ed’s friend near there with his great family

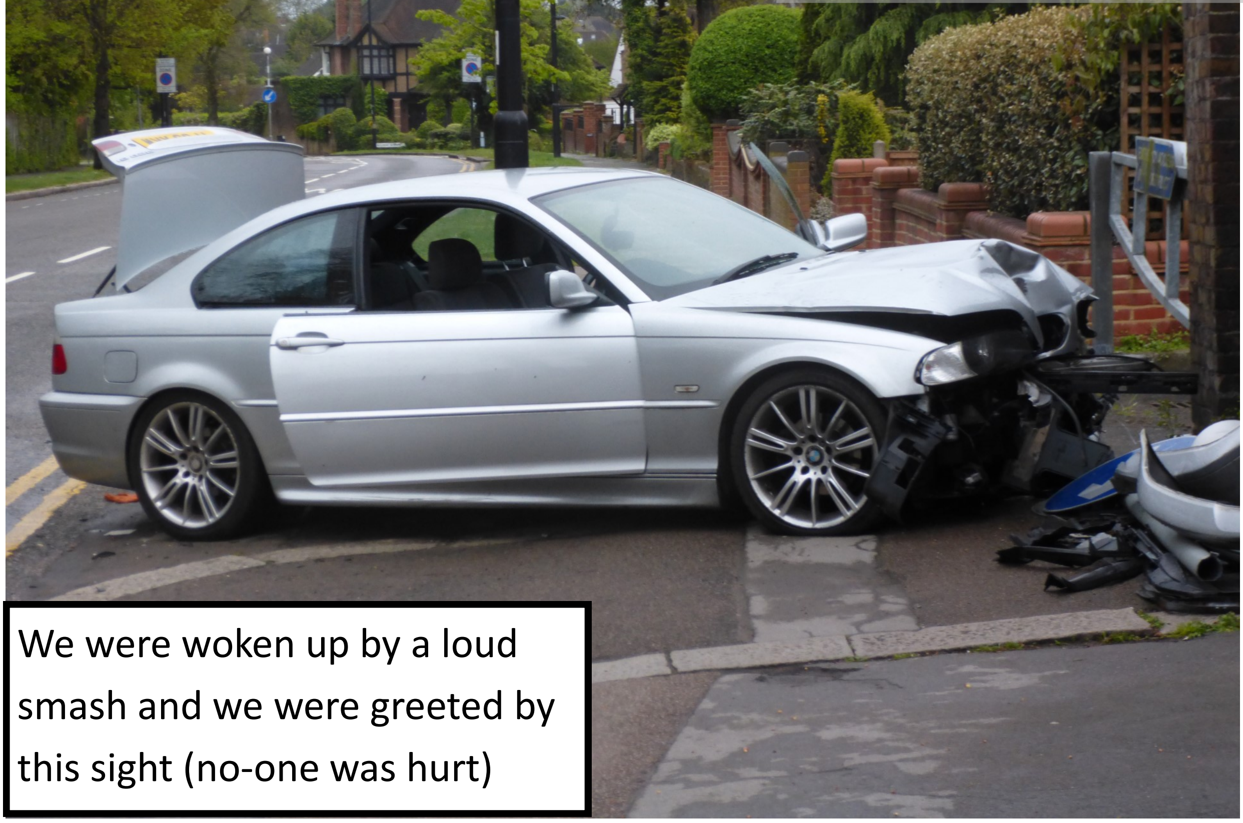
River Cottage HQ is based on the Devon / Dorset border near Axminster and is home to an award-winning Cookery School

A tractor-drawn cart took us down to the valley where we had drinks in a yurt followed by a fun communal meal where I chatted to the chefs in the kitchen. We then went on to Paddy’s B & B

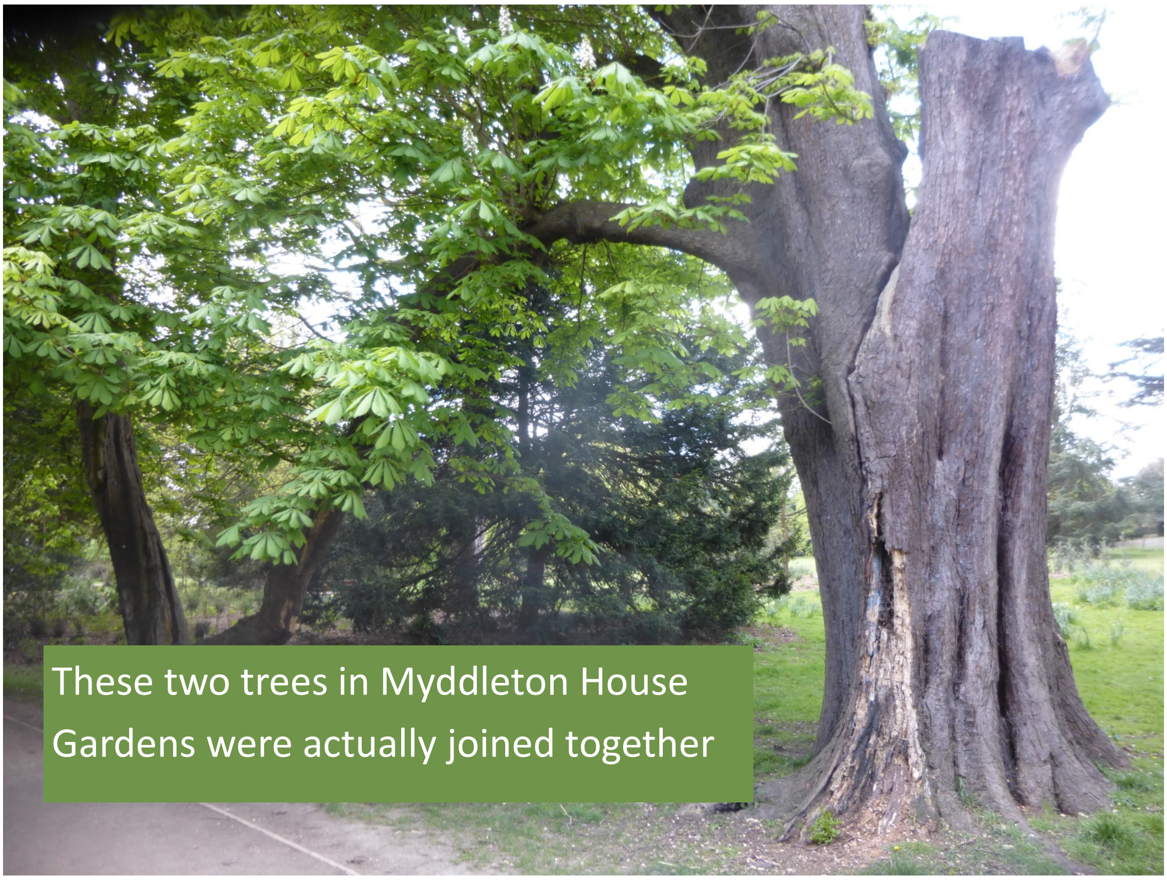
Beer is a really attractive small seaside resort



We often walk to the ‘secret garden’ in Trent Park and it is always very tranquil and ‘different’ every

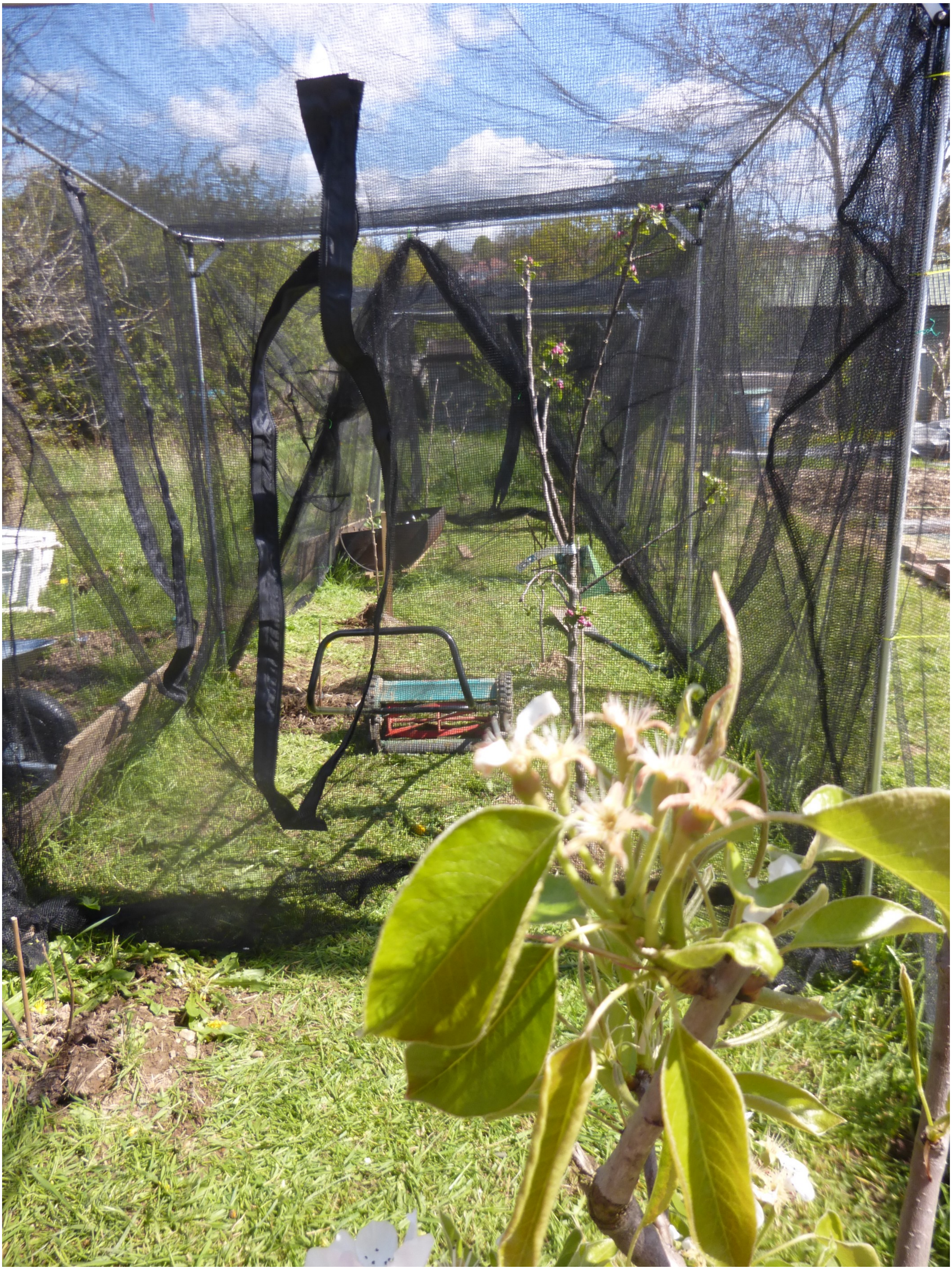


We were woken up by a loud smash and we were greeted by this sight (no-one was hurt)



These two trees in Myddleton House Gardens were actually joined together

On my allotment. The small fruit trees have established and I have built these cages to protect them



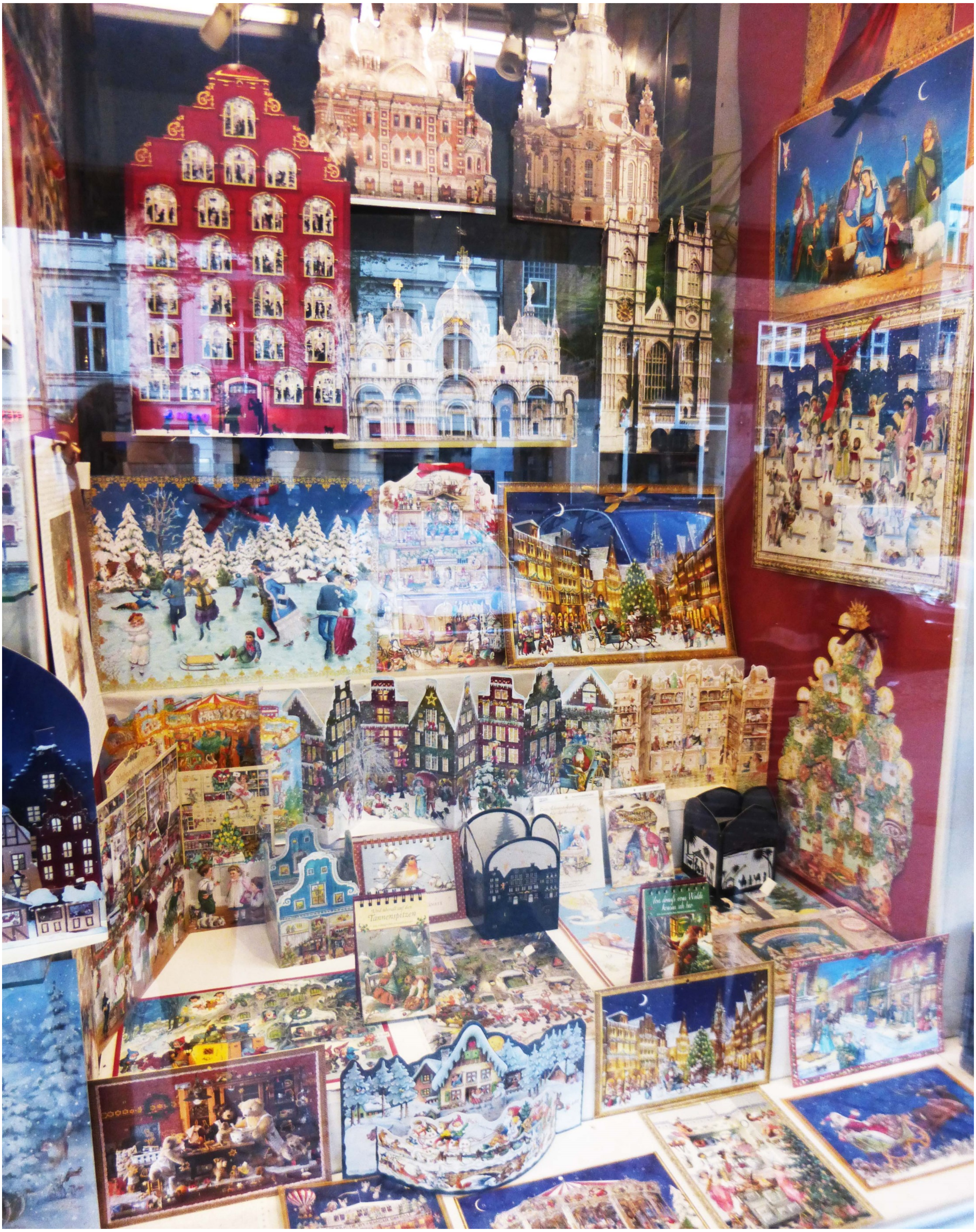
Flashback to 50 years earlier...a stint on the hotel reception desk.

Berlin in April

2015

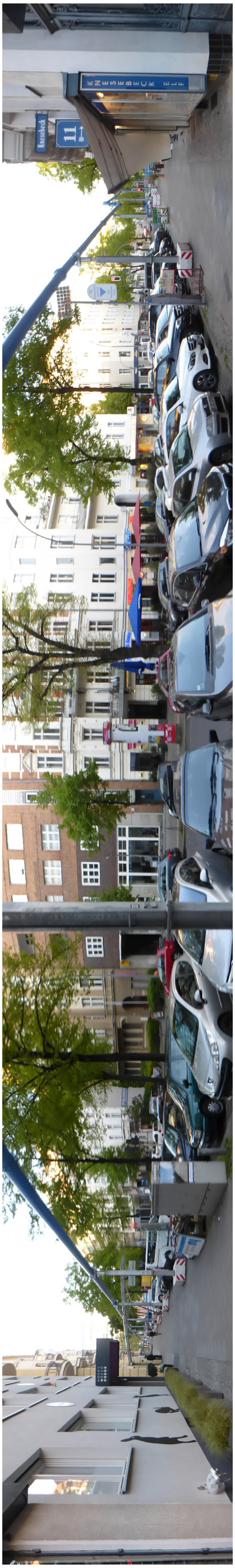
In April Lynn and I flew to Berlin for a few days and met Althmut and family (Arnon's ex wife). They made us so welcome and we immediately bonded. The boys took us round Berlin for a 'whistlestop tour and we were invited for a Shabbat meal and breakfast the following morning. We are hoping to arrange a family re-union in May next year

A delightful quirky shop selling
advent-style boxes, pictures
and cut-outs



Go on...turn the page. We were fascinated by the highly visible water pipes featured in many parts of Berlin

no one was quite sure why they were not 'buried'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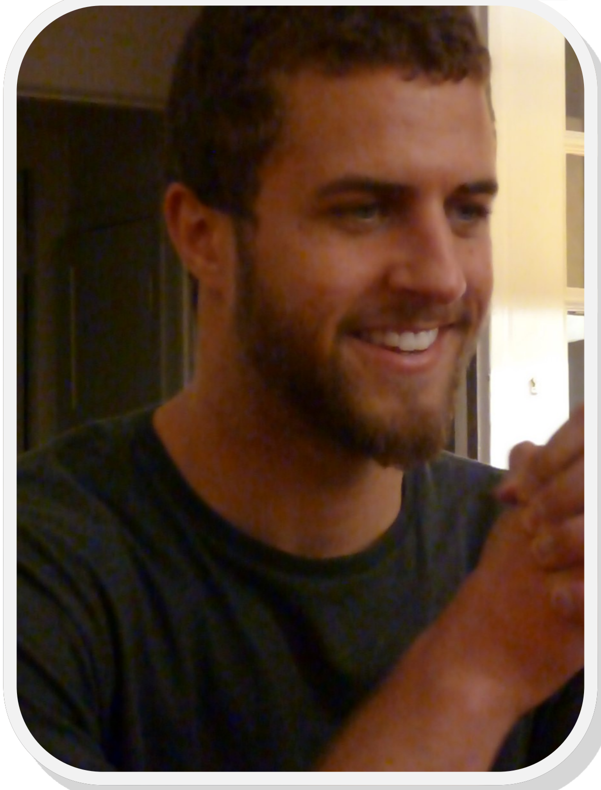

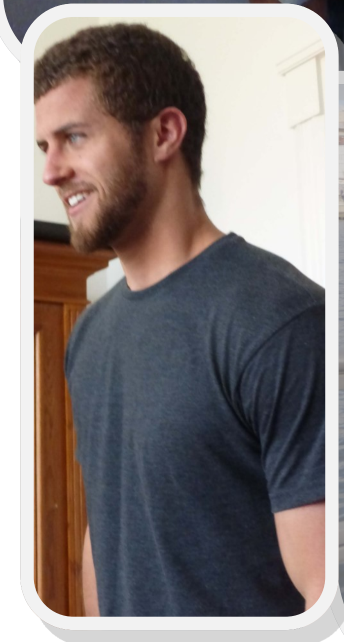

Schlesisches Tor

Doing the 'touristy thing' with the boys was a total giggle..we did not stop laughing

The holocaust memorial

Abgeordnetenh
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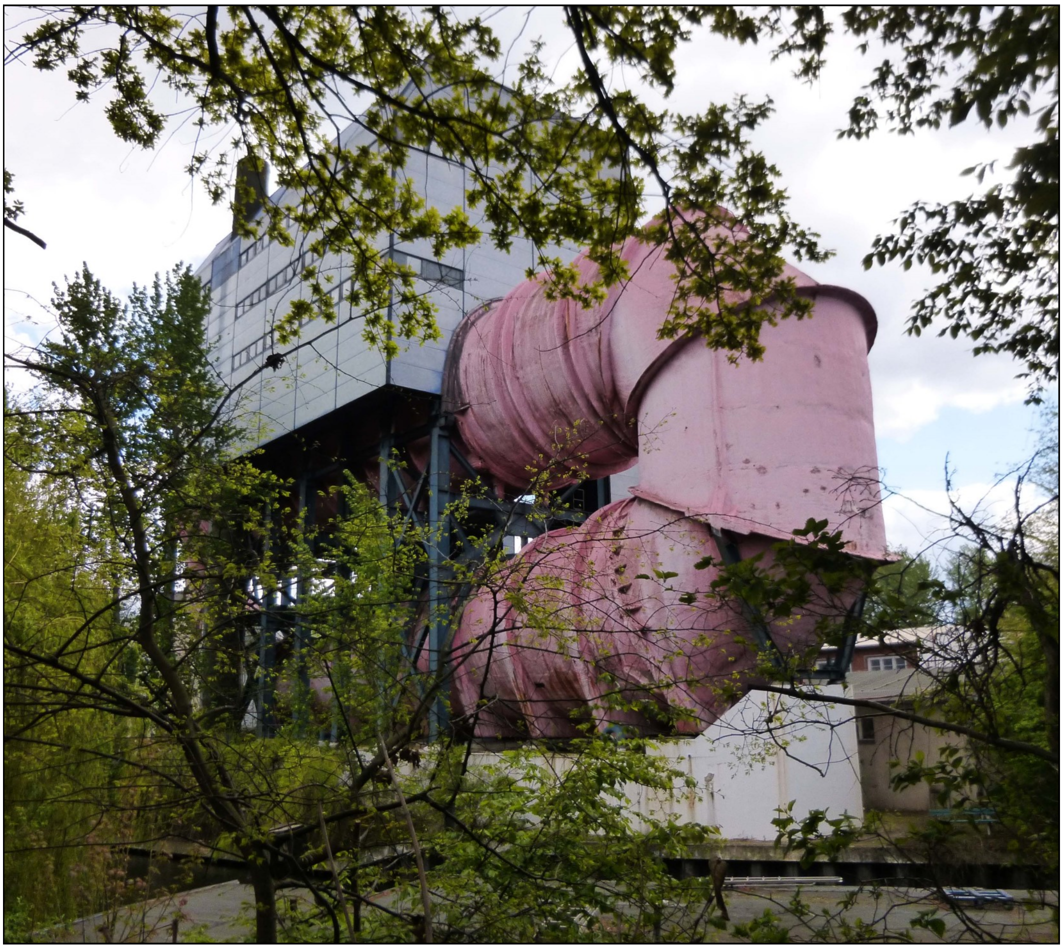
TOPOGRAPHIE DES TERRORS
Gestapo, SS und Reichssicherheits-hauptamt
1945
BERLIN 1933–1945

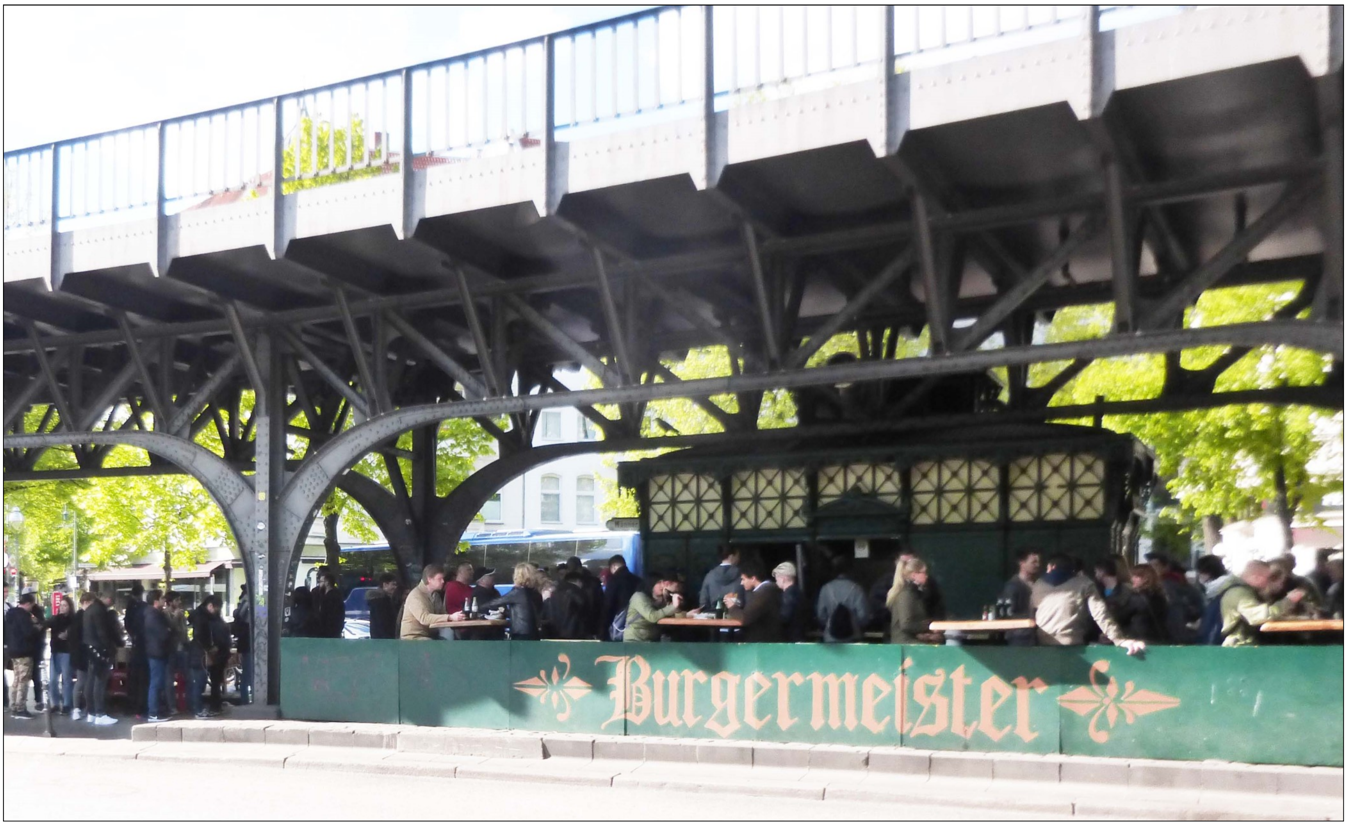
The remains of the Berlin Wall

There were many displays of old photos showing Berlin in a less enlightened perspective

A sight that many thought would never be seen in Berlin again (albeit surrounded by armed guards)

Alongside one the lovely city parks





'Burgermeister' the popular burger bar under the S-Bahn railway line (converted from a former public WC)

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The KaDeWe Begian its commercial life in 1907, the store was a constant Berlin presence, its highs and lows reflecting those of the city. From World War I to the Golden Twenties consumer metropolis – the Depression and Nazi years and World War II - the Cold War and the 1950s "Wirtschaftswunder" - and finally German reunification in 1989. Through all the turbulence, KaDeWe retained its aura - somewhere between consumer temple and Berlin institution – intact. The store's 100th anniversary was a grand occasion celebrated in its 500sqm foyer with a gigantic cake

The food hall was the best we have ever seen and this is one of the fish counters and one of the cheese displays

he first years of KaDeWe

The department store, owned by Jewish retail entrepreneur Adolf Jandorf, first opened on Wittenberg Platz in 1907 with a 24,000 sqm retail surface. Designed by architect Emil Schaudt, it served the increasingly affluent middle class neighbourhood of the new Tiergarten district. In 1927 it was bought by the Warenhaus Hermann Tiez AG from whose initials the German retail giant Hertie gets its name. Founders of Hertie, the Jewish family Tietz, in business since 1882, made retail history by pioneering the new business model, acquired by Hermann during his time in the US - arge turnovers at small profit and selling at fixed prices. Tietz bought Adolf Jandorf's store – KaDeWe - in 1926. It was at that time the largest department store in Europe with a 128 million Reichsmark turnover and 18,000 employees. In 1931 two floors were added to the original five and more extensions came in the 1990s, particularly the top of the world rooftop and Wintergarten where the self-service restaurant is today.

Nazi takeover of KaDeWe

In 1929 the Great Depression, followed by the 1933 Nazi takeover meant that the company was boycotted together with other non-Aryan businesses when the Nuremberg race laws were implemented. Forced to sell their shares the Tietz family left Germany but the store survived. Georg Karg was the Nazi's choice to manage KaDeWe and an 11 million loan from the Reich Ministry for Trade and Commerce followed. A restitution settlement in 1949 recognised the claims of the Tietz family heirs and the Karg Foundation renamed the group Hertie in 1972.

War damages

An American plane crashed into the building in 1943, devastating the building. It was rebuilt after WW2,

Berlin's most famous trademark department store is KaDeWe (Kaufhaus des Westens) – or "department store of the west". It is Berlin's shopping paradise, a favourite, easy to spot landmark on Wittenberg square. With 60,000 sqm, the equivalent of nine football fields, 380,000 articles, 40,000 visitors a day, this is the legendary, largest department store on the continent.

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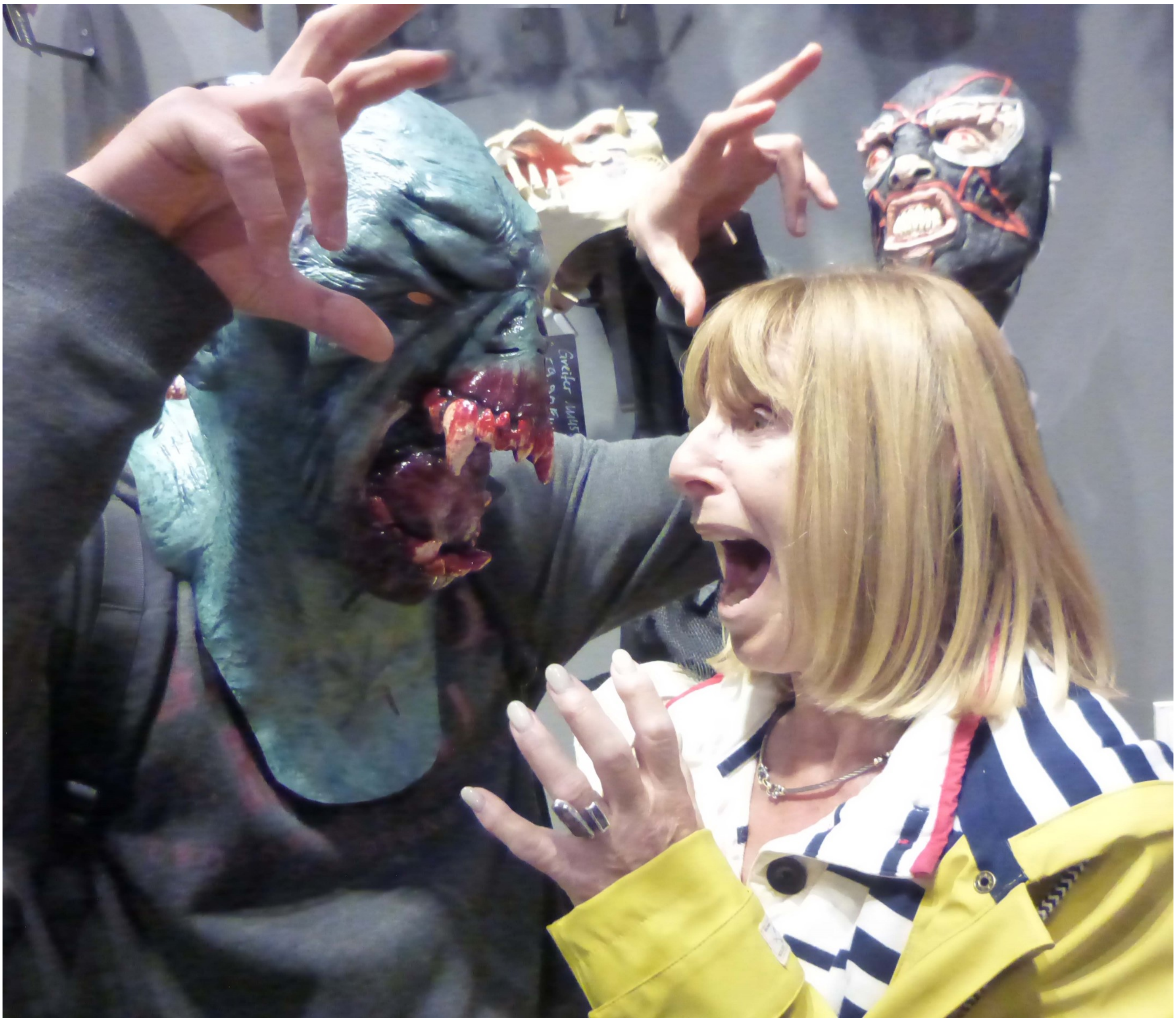

It doesn't matter what we say, Lynn always tries to have the last word. Well, here she met her match

Airport coffee on the return journey

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In June, Lynn, Ed and I showcased SASS at Regents Park. It was a 5 day stint and hard work but great fun

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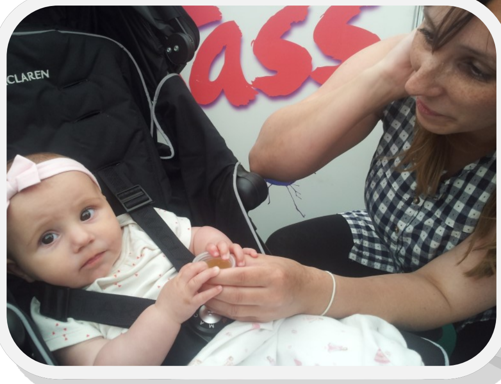
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Family BBQ with Jack, John, Larnie, Tammy, Ben, Lynn and myself

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In July JCoss had a prom party at Forty Hall and Tammy and Ben preceded this with a small pre-prom party at their house. The parents of close friends were invited and the girls were treated to a makeover. They all looked fantastic and it was a great success

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The many faces

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Around the house …
before and during the
party

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We took a short Norfolk break and were so lucky with the weather. Cream teas in the hotel gardens and spectacular walks in Sheringham Country Park adjacent to the hotel

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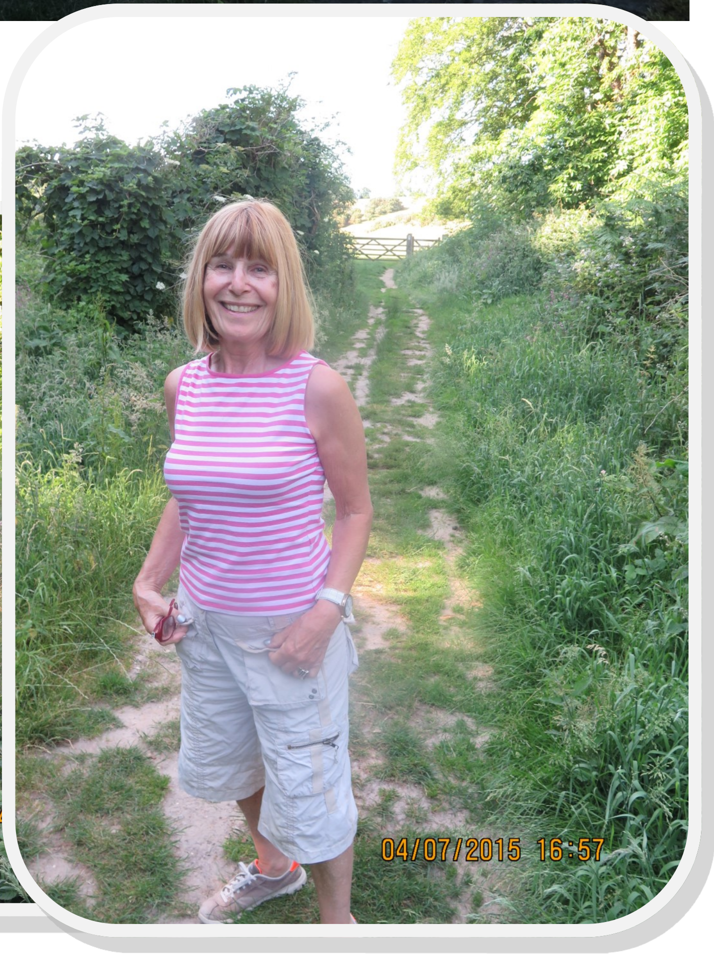
The hotel staff and service was so good and we really relaxed and enjoyed the break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Wonderful English countryside

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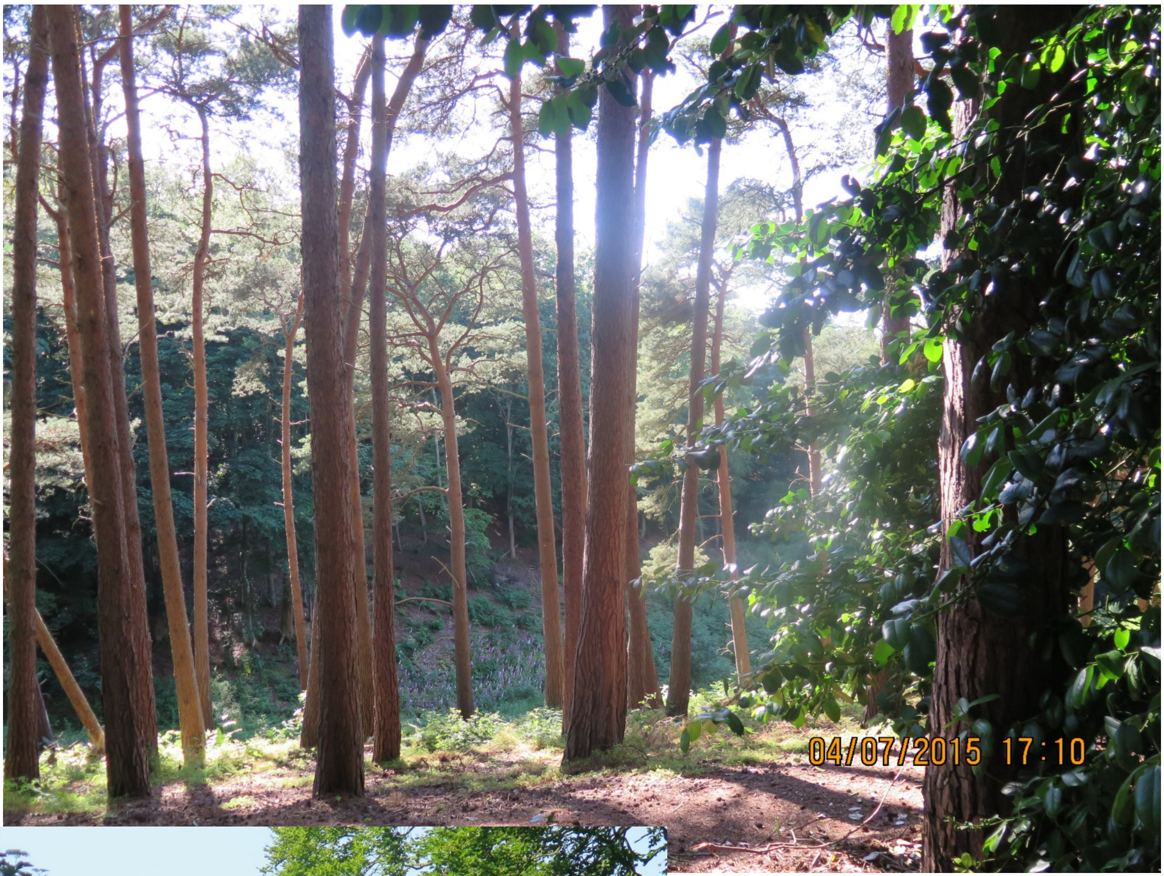
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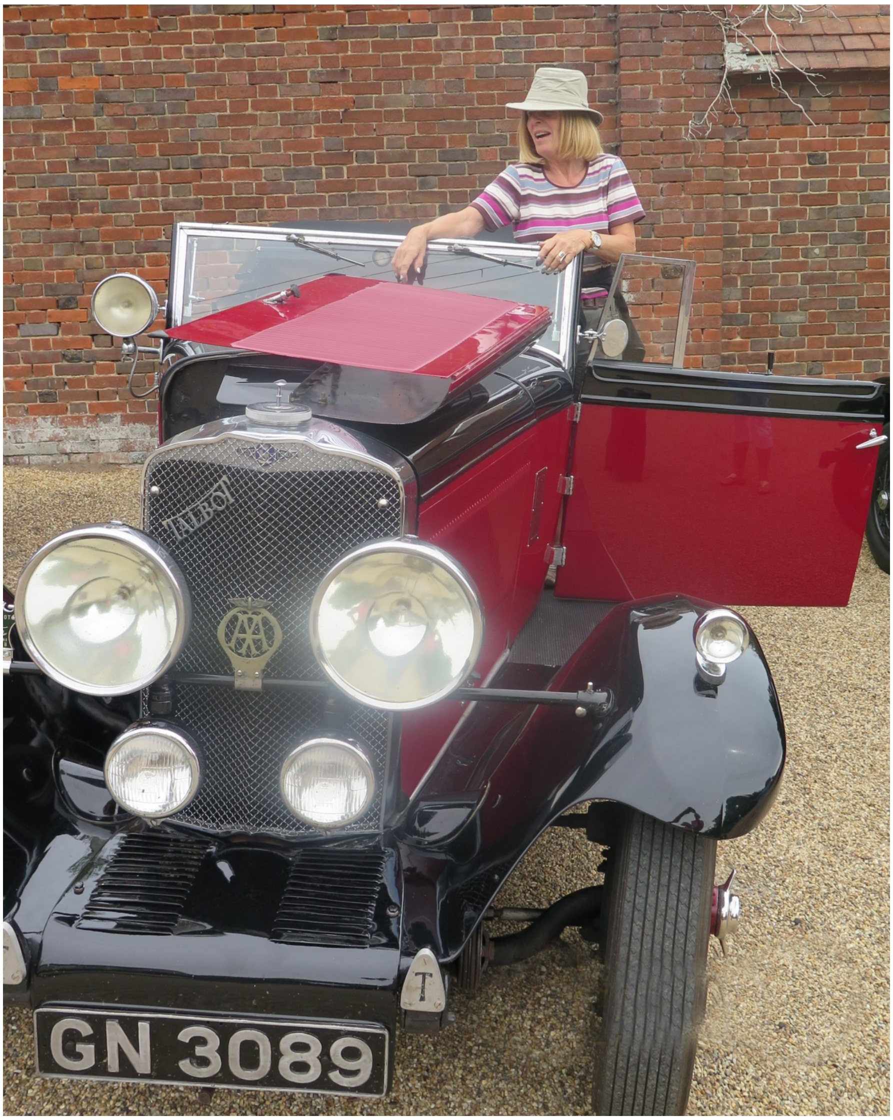
Nostalgia time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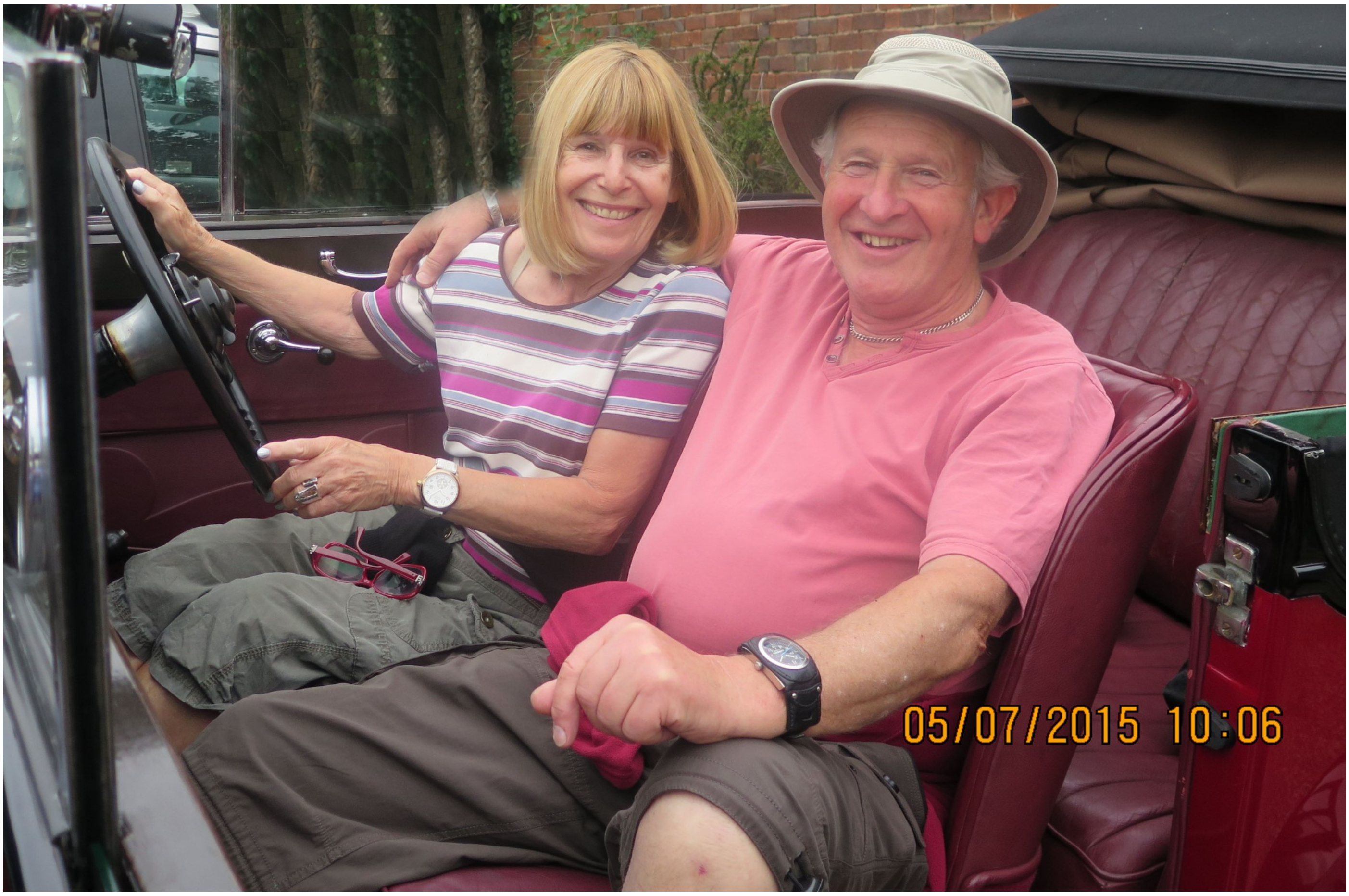
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Sheringham Park is a landscape park and gardens near the town o f Sheringam in Norfolk The hall is privately occupied, but Sheringham Park is in the care of the National Trust and open to visitors. The park was designed by Humphrey Repton (1752-1818) who presented his proposals in July 1812 in the form of one of his Red Books. He described Sheringham as his "favourite and darling child in Norfolk". Abbot and Charlotte Upcher bought the estate in 1811, and successive generations of the Upcher family did much to develop the estate, the hall and the park, as well as building a school .Henry Morris Upcher obtained rhododendron seeds of various types . Several overlook towers provide good views over the gardens, and of the nearby coast and surrounding countryside. A garden temple was constructed in the Park in 1975. We talked to some locals whose parents worked on the estate when it was privately owned

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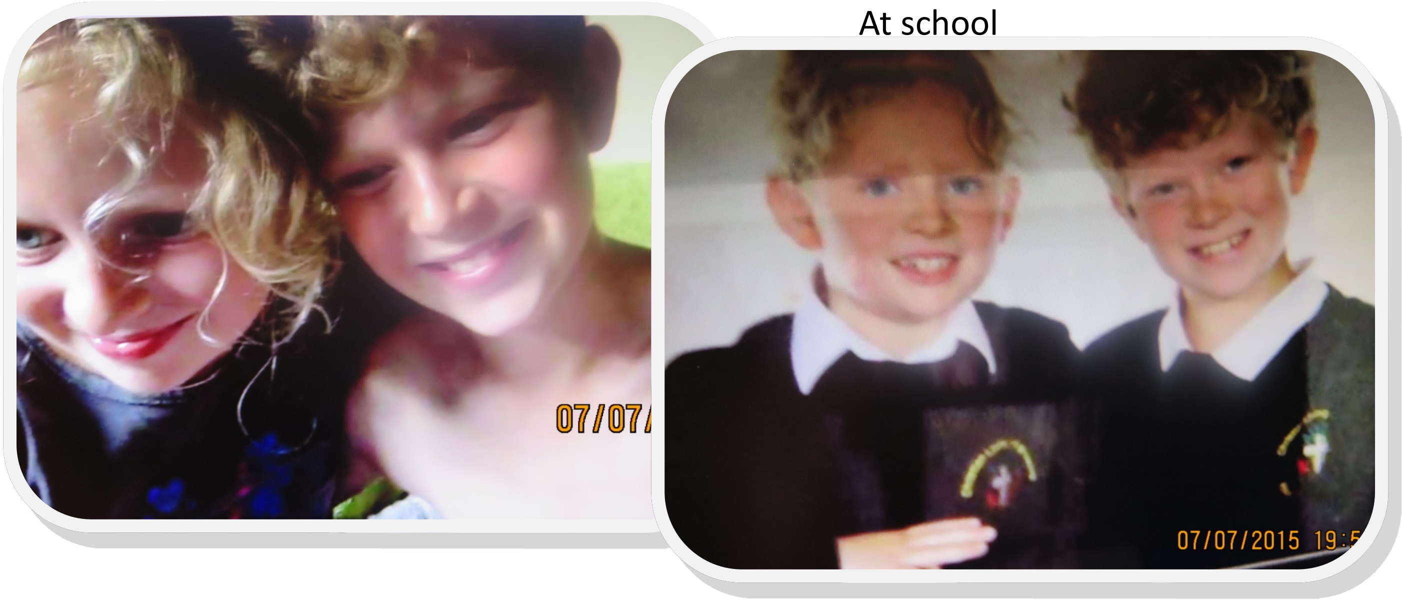
Skyping the kids

At school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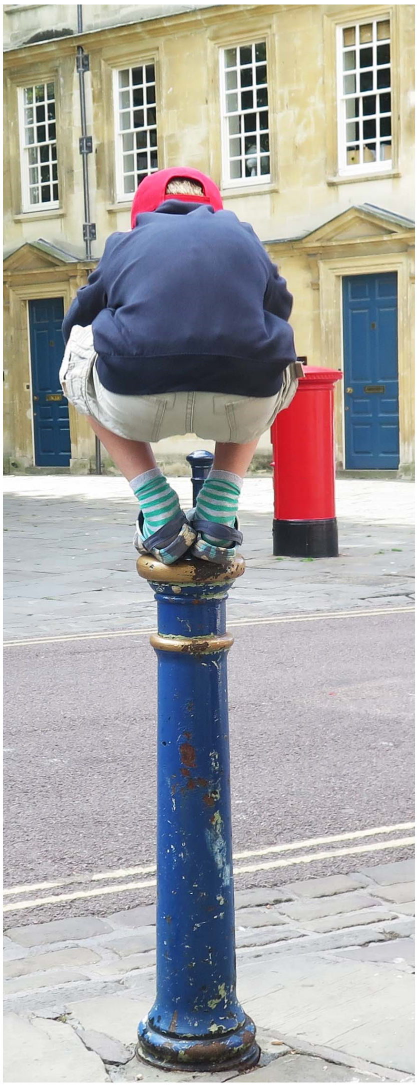
In July Lynn and I went to Bath , staying just outside , in the Bailbrook House which was in an elevated position over-looking the city

Cream tea in the garden was an added delight

Angela dropped the kids off in the city centre and we met DP there as well



DROP BEATS
REWIND

Never quite sure which one is ‘the kid’

The festival was an exuberant fun happening

The English always know how to enjoy themselves

The kids are always totally wrapped up in whatever they do

Great weather and so much happening in Bath. We all met early evening and had a pizza together and we were sad to see the kids leave

We all had a really great day together

June 2015

Postcript.

This ‘Photo History’ starts with some lovely old shots of Enfield that I acquired and sad to say, I remember those days. These books are interspersed with shots taken when I walk with friends and our walking trips seem to go ever further afield as we slowly cover all the local walks. They are a great diverse bunch and I would certainly miss their company.

Mum is now very difficult to communicate with being well looked after but very unresponsive and both Lynn and I find it very difficult to come to terms with this change.

We seem to have made a lot of ‘new friends’ in the last few years and we really enjoy their company. We are all around 70(ish) and parties etc are pretty frequent.

Lynny at 70 certainly does not look (or act) her age and she is such a great missus…We enjoyed a lovely celebration meal at The Artichoke in Old Amersham which is a favourite of ours but she stressed that she did NOT want a party

We are sad that Soho is gentrifying as we both have very fond memories of working there in the ‘swinging 60’s and there is a shot of me outside my restaurant ‘Tastes’ in Berwick Street in 1966 and as it is now.

My allotment is shown in its early stages…before the fruit tree cages were erected.

Lynny treated me to a meal at River Cottage (which is the filming venue from a well loved cookery programme) and we stayed in a lovely B & B in Devon and we have became very friendly with the delightful family who run it.

Arnon’s ex wife and (some of) the family live in Berlin and we were made so welcome that I hope we can arrange a family re-union next year here.

Taste of London in Regents Park was a last ditch effort to showcase Sass but without a massive capital investment we reluctantly will have to put it on the back burner back burner..

Taste of London was such a great success too (despite being very hard work)

In July Larnie left the 5th form at JCoss and the school put on a prom at Forty Hall for the girls and Tammy & Ben arranged a pre-prom party at their house complete with a makeover for the girls(?) I have put the question mark after 'girls' and the photos will explain why!!. Larnie starts in the 6th form in September

We are (for obvious reasons) taking as many holidays and breaks as possible and Sheringham in Norfolk is a favourite location for us. We picked a fantastic weekend with cream teas and sunbathing and a really excellent meal served by friendly staff.

Ass we are unable to see Beau and Peachie as often as we would like we manage to keep in touch via Skype and (when they stop pulling 'silly' faces we can actually have a great chat to them.

Angela bought the kids to Bath in July and we stayed just outside the city. DP met us all there. We were lucky with the weather (again) and the Bath Festival was full of fun in the park and the kids made the most of it. This was followed by a noisy procession after which Angela met us again to take the kids back after we all enjoyed a pizza together.

All in all a very varied few months and we are certainly enjoying our retirement despite 'the elephant in the room'